

To the
Chairman and Members
Barrowford Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting
to you my annual return of the health
of the district.

During the year ending the 31st day of
December 1901 there have been 69 deaths
registered, 37 males and 32 females, which
is the lowest number for the past nine
years.

This gives an annual death rate of
13.8 per 1,000.

The births registered were 131 - 67 boys, and
64 girls, giving an annual birth rate of
26.2 per 1,000.

The following table shows at what ages the
deaths occurred.

Deaths under 1 year	17	} under 5 yrs. 26	} Total 69.
" 1 year and under 5 years	9		
" 5 " " 15 " 5	5	} over 5 yrs. 43	
" 15 " " 25 " 3	3		
" 25 " " 65 " 24	24		
" 65 and over	11		

The rate of infant deaths to 1,000 births = 12.9

Gynotic rate = 2.2

The deaths in check 18 from chest affections,
2 scarlet fever, 4 diphtheria, 2 measles,
2 enteric fever, 1 whooping cough, 1 alcohol, 3 cancer,
3 phthisis, 2 premature birth, 3 heart disease,
3 accident, and 1 suicide.

Of infectious diseases there were 68 cases
notified, namely

Scarlet fever	40 cases
Diphtheria	21 ..
Enteric fever	4 ..
Erysipelas	3 ..
<u>total 68.</u>	

In every case prompt attention has been paid by the Sanitary Inspector, the children have been isolated as far as possible, and disinfectants freely used. The drains and main sewers of some of the streets have been well flushed with water, and the ash pits emptied more frequently and disinfectants used in them. The bedding and bed clothes in many cases have been burned. Notices have also been posted throughout the district recommending the inhabitants to boil the milk used for domestic purposes.

On December 4th I recommended the Infant Department of the Board School to be closed, and I further recommended all the schools to remain closed until the 13th day of January. I would strongly advise the Council to obtain an apparatus for the disinfection of clothing, &c.

During the year six streets have been sewered, and eight streets flagged, paved, &c. - 2,000 yards of footways, and 4,800 yards of carriage ways having been laid down in this work - 978 yards of 9 in. and 226 yards of 12 in. sewers have been laid.

The work in connecting private drains to the sewers, and conversion of old midden privies to the water carriage system, as well as the improvements of

The cesspits, and the provision of additional sanitary accommodation has been continued, an additional acre of land for irrigation has been laid out at the sewerage works.

The slaughter houses have been regularly inspected, they are kept clean, but my recommendation of last year respecting floors concreted &c. has not been acted upon.

The garbage should be removed oftener.

The dairies are well kept, and the cowsheds are clean, but short of air space, light, and ventilation.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

Frank de B. Van

M. O. H.

Jan. 10, 1902.

